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Coffee County says NO to Amendment One

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The voters of Coffee County made it clear Tuesday, Sept. 9, that the majority rules as the No vote overwhelmed the Yes vote in regards to Amendment One.

The statewide amendment was described on the ballot as proposing to establish the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund which may be used to fund programs including, but not limited to, the furtherance of excellence in public education, college scholarships, health care benefits for senior citizens and job training programs to attract new high-paying jobs and other wise provide for distributing state tax revenues to adjust income and property taxes; to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account; to provide for the replenishment of the General Fund Rainy Day

Account and the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account. Once the final vote count was tabulated Tuesday evening at the Farm Center in New Brockton, the figures showed 11,683 voters had cast their opinion with 3,251 (28 percent) voting in favor and 8,432 (72 percent) voting against.

Of the 34 boxes (including absentee ballots) in Coffee County, the yes vote won the majority in only one precinct. The Mulberry Heights voting precinct in Elba voted in favor of the amendment with 65 yes votes and 51 no votes.

As for the rest of the precincts, the bigger ones showed about a 65 to 70 percent support for the no vote, and some of the smaller precincts had as much as an 80 to 85 percent support for the no vote.

The Elba Recreation Center had

166 votes for yes and 318 votes for no while the National Guard Armory in Elba had 191 votes for yes and 441 votes for no.

The two largest precincts recording votes were the Enterprise YMCA and the Enterprise Recreation Center.

At the YMCA, 532 voters said yes while 1,234 said no. The Recreation Center recorded the largest number of votes cast at 1,922 and 605 were yes with 1,317 in support of no.

Statewide, the final numbers were not known as of press time; however, the results were leaning towards a victory for the no vote with approximately 60 percent of the voters supporting the defeat of the proposed tax package.

Governor Riley is expected to call a special session of the Alabama legislature to deal with the pending financial shortfalls.

Monday night fire disables Coffee Baking Company

Owners quickly begin working towards reopening

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Coffee Baking Company, County Road 376, in the Ino community of southern Coffee County, suffered a disabling fire on Monday evening. The fire was discovered about 11:30 p.m. Monday night. None of the company's 53 employees were at work when the raging blaze was discovered.

The fire apparently started in the icing and decorating room, as that room suffered the most visible damage and baking pans strewn where shelves once kept them, nearly stacked, were warped from the intense heat.

Owners Barbara Holley and Don Holley didn't skip a beat and immediately began plans to survey and repair the damage. Don Holley was in Birmingham on business and it took him several hours to get back to the plant site. Barbara Holley spent the hours between extinguishing the fire and the 8:00 a.m. opening of businesses on Tuesday organizing and preparing a list of exactly who she needed to call and what she needed to tell them.

There was of course the insurance company, the health department, the gas company, suppliers, repair contractor, etc. They all responded immediately and plans for reopening the business began to take place even as employees, suppliers and volunteers were digging out from the fire.

Tuesday afternoon storage trailers were scheduled to be on site as temporary warehousing, office and production facilities. Wednesday, refrigerator trailers were scheduled to be set up to



THE ICING ROOM of the Coffee Baking Company suffered the most extensive damage in the Monday night fire. Here surveying the damage with their contractor are from left Paul Roberson, Don Holley, contractor Don Lewis and Barbara Holley. The two year old building is located in the Ino Community.

store the finished products which would be produced in some of the trailers and in an adjoining building which had been the bakery prior to the construction of the new facility in 2001.

The contractor, Don Lewis and Associates, of Dothan, was on site by mid afternoon Tuesday and was calling in his crews and equipment to start the repairs. Lewis said they would actually start work before dark Tuesday, tearing out a back wall to allow engineers in early Wednesday morning to survey the integrity of the structural steel supports and determine which needed replacing and if any had survived the intense heat.

Lewis said all electrical fixtures and wiring in the building must be replaced, new air conditioner units installed and of course the icing and decorating room will have to be completely rebuilt because as Mr. Lewis described the room, "It is totally destroyed", as probably will be the cooking room. The entire facility, offices and warehouse included, suffered extensive smoke damage.

The Health Department had already made its visit and as expected had condemned any foods still in the building. They also said all ceiling tiles in the entire building must be removed and replaced due to smoke dam-

age in areas not actually damaged by flames.

Tuesday afternoon Lewis had already scheduled a delivery of new ceiling tiles for Wednesday morning and planned to start installation immediately. He declined to give a completion date for all the repairs until they know the full extent of the damage and delivery dates on materials and replacement equipment. However, he did say he and his employees would "work day and night to get the building repaired as soon as possible".

Coffee Baking Company was established in 1996 and opened in the new, modern facility on February 22, 2001.

County BOE approves FY2004 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although tentatively, the Coffee County Board of Education voted last Thursday evening, Sept. 4, to adopt its Fiscal Year 2004 budget during the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The board had conducted two public budget hearings prior to the adoption of the budget, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she recommended the adoption of the budget pending adoption of the state budget.

According to the adopted budget, school officials anticipate total annual revenues of \$13,197,662 and total expenditures of \$13,411,851.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$3,225,367 with the end balance on Sept. 30 being \$3,096,268. Of the total \$13,197,662 in revenues, \$8,827,356 is state

funds, \$1,740,716 is federal funds, \$2,610,590 is local funds and \$19,000 is from other sources.

The \$13,411,851 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,521,608 going towards

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NOTICE

The City of Elba has announced there will be a power outage Sunday, Sept. 14, from 5 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Areas to be affected include Mulberry Heights, Housing Authority, Chasing Ave., from intersection of Whitman St. to Addison St.; and Troy Highway, from Texas Station to the levee.

Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL continues Friday, Sept. 12, as the Elba Tigers travel to Brewton to take on the W.S. Neal Eagles; the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Samson; the Kinston Bulldogs will be at home against Arizon; the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Houston County; and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Pannett House.

THE ENTERPRISE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY will meet Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of the science bld. of Enterprise Ozark Community College. Anyone wishing to take an exam for their license should call Tom WA4YQT at least 24 hrs in advance at 464-0532. Any questions call Jim KJ0JN at 694-6145.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL, meeting, due to unforeseen circumstances, has been postponed until Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. The working group will meet Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Elba Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

Commission approves FY2004 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission wasted no time taking care of county business Monday morning, Sept. 8, as the group of elected officials met for the regular bimonthly meeting.

Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford began the meeting offering praise to the commission and county employees for the help they provided with site preparation for the building to be constructed for HS Automotive of Alabama (HSA) in Enterprise.

"We have been able to save a tremendous amount of money on that project by virtue of the fact the county and city combined their forces for the site preparation," Alford said. "The project is moving forward in good fashion despite all of the rain we've had."

He said the progress was due in large part because of the efforts of Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell and his staff.

In conclusion, the Alford said the City of Enterprise was very, very appreciative.

The county's bank depository was next on the agenda as commissioners reviewed proposals from four different banks.

The banks were asked to provide a fixed rate in their proposal, and Colonial Bank did not meet that requirement.

CB&T Bank offered a fixed interest rate of 1.37 percent; The Peoples Bank of Coffee County offered a fixed interest rate of 1.27 percent; and SouthTrust Bank offered a fixed interest rate of 90 percent.

With the highest proposal coming from CB&T Bank at 1.37 percent, the commission voted unanimously to award the county's bank depository to CB&T.

Also during Monday's meeting, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2004 budget at \$11.7 million.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the county has a balanced budget which includes a two-step cost of living increase for employees.

"I think we have a good budget," commission chairman Robert Stephens said. "Coffee County has worked hard through the years, and we're glad to have a balanced budget and the money to balance it."

Commissioner Linda Westbrook added that she appreciates everything the county's employees do day in and day out. She said it is good to know she can go to the employees for help and always get their support.

In other business, the commission:

* Voted to allow Tindell to

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REMINDER

Coffee County citizens are reminded the billing for solid waste collection will increase beginning with the October billing cycle. This service will increase by \$1 per month, which means quarterly billing will go from \$31.50 to \$34.50 per quarter.

This increase was approved by the commission earlier this year when it accepted a new contract for Coffee County's Solid Waste collection. This contract went to Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) of Brundidge - the low bidder for the contract renewal.

ROADS CLOSED FOR LEVEE WORK...The road closed and detour signs were put out again this week as continued work from the levee rehabilitation project in Elba forced the temporary closing of two popular roads. A section of the Troy Highway (Hwy. 87) and Martin Luther King Drive have both been closed for levee work. The section of the Troy Highway (shown above) was closed to traffic Saturday, Sept. 6, and will be closed for approximately three months as workers raise the height of the road where the levee crosses. The road is closed from the Elba Church of Christ to the 203 bypass. As for the section of road on Martin Luther King Drive, it was closed Tuesday, Sept. 9, and should only be closed for approximately three weeks. This also is at the point where the levee crosses.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

By the time you are reading this, the voting on Amendment #1 and \$1.2 of new tax money is over. Also the "experts" are already coming out of the woodwork to tell us exactly why it happened the way it did... whichever way that happens to be. All the polls are showing the confusing package of bills will be turned down by Alabama voters. Such a no vote will put the Alabama legislators in a tight position... one of having already said the state is millions of dollars short, yet voters have said no to new taxes. The first apparent answer is for the lawmakers to impose some taxes or fees which they have the authority to do without a vote, if they have the collective nerve. Such an action is in doubt, our in-the-know friends are telling us. Many in the legislature are apparently questioning the wisdom of imposing a tax on voters after they have just rejected new taxes. That brings them down to cutting programs, which will suit most voters, until government trimmers start cutting an individual voters favorite or "pet" program.

Another event in the celebration of Elba's 150th birthday has taken place, much to the enjoyment of those attending the Saturday night ball and dance. Comments from young and old alike have been favorable. Some who normally need as much early sleep as yours truly reportedly hung in there until late hours. We congratulate the attendees and those volunteers who made the gala event possible.

Also, we talked Saturday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lockler and they were planning to do something special for the "Queen of the Ball" Lois English. If she has any trouble finding someone to suggest she call the newspaper office. We will be glad to offer some excellent ideas to solve that problem.

Bill Stokes died last weekend and was buried Monday. He fought the good fight and more than once has bounced back from the brink. He was still determined to win this time, but it was not in the cards. We thought of him Tuesday while casting our vote on Amendment #1 and wondered just how strong a debate we would have had on this if he were still around. Bill loved to debate politics and with us he found endless fodder for debate. While we agreed more times than not, during those times of disagreement Jackson W. always had some choice names for us and our "wrong" opinions. If nothing else would fit or our voting offense was extremely out of step, we were labeled the very worst a life-long Democrat could label a person... "Republican". The beauty of all that was that once that election was over and another coming up, he could sit down with us, eat some fried fish and talk election strategy just like old friends are supposed to do.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, one assault, one resisting arrest, one failure to pay, one burglary, two theft of property, one criminal trespassing, one reckless endangerment, four for harassment, one vehicle accident, one domestic violence, one suspicious death of a calf, one driving under the influence, one house fire, four for possession of drug paraphernalia, three for possession of marijuana, and one possession of a controlled substance. The following arrests were made: one for assault, two for resisting arrest, one for failure to pay, one for driving under the influence, three for possession of marijuana, four for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for possession of a controlled substance.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: fifteen for not wearing a seat belt, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for not using a child restraint system and two for no insurance. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, SEPT. 1 - River stage - 6.86 feet (6:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24884 Hwy. 87, Lot 9 (10:50 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2 - River stage - 6.12 feet (6:02 a.m.); Burglary reported at the old high school gym (9:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2525 County Rd. 377 (9:29 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3 - River stage - 5.78 feet (6:39 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 - Wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 87 (1:38 a.m.); River stage - 5.56 feet (6:22 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 - River stage - 5.69 feet (6:26 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 2420 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire at 2420 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:04 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection near the old Pizza Hut (8:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4351 Hwy. 141 (8:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Plant Ave. (2:08 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (10:53 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 - River stage - 6.38 feet (6:54 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons St. and Claxton Ave. (6:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Simmons St. and Claxton Ave. (6:53 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 742 West St. (7:17 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 - Prowler reported at 1732 Martin Luther King Dr. (12:10 a.m.); River stage - 10.09 feet (6:31 a.m.); Breaking and entering (not in progress) reported at 137 N. Court St. (9:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 606 Simmons St. (9:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2943 County Rd. 105 (5:28 p.m.).

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Law enforcement seeking suspect of church burglary



A window on the backside of Liberty Church of Christ was found shattered Monday, Sept. 8. Evidence suggests this was the point of entry for the suspect(s) who burglarized the church sometime late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The unthinkable became reality for one local church Monday, Sept. 8, when members discovered it had been burglarized.

According to reports, a church member was delivering supplies to Liberty Church of Christ, located on Hwy. 87 South when they found evidence of the wrongdoing.

A broken window on the backside of the church suggests the suspect(s) entered there and made way to the church's office where the safe was kept.

After inspection of the grounds and building, church minister Greg Hanchey said it appeared the only thing missing was the safe. Luckily, Hanchey said the safe did not have any money in it. Instead, it mostly contained some church documents and other paperwork.

Besides the broken window, the only other damage noticed was to one of the doors leading into the office where it appeared

the burglar tried to force his/her way inside.

The burglary was reported Monday afternoon to the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, and officials said it was apparent the burglar was looking for money since other items including a television set and copy machine were not taken.

Hanchey said he was at the church until around 8:30 p.m. Sunday night, therefore, it appears the crime happened either late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Anyone with information that could possibly help law enforcement officers capture the person or persons responsible is asked to contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or your local law enforcement agency.

Also, all local church officials are encouraged to always be sure and not leave cash money inside the building following services.

Our troops deserve our total support and commitment

Editorial by Rep. Terry Spicer

A former president once said, "the nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." It has been nearly three months since the end to major combat fighting in Iraq was announced; however, continued resistance still poses a dangerous threat to our troops. We must continue to remember the brave men and women who are serving this country, and memorialize our fallen heroes.

According to the Alabama Adjutant General's office, Rep. Terry Spicer

Alabama has more guardsmen per capita than any other state in the union. Currently, there are more than 4,600 members on active duty, and approximately 2,000 of those are serving in or around Iraq. It is important to note that the Guard is comprised of civilians who serve their country on a part time basis, and that there are a multitude of Alabamians serving in other various military branches on active duty.

These courageous men and women are our neighbors and friends. Like generations before them, they have chosen to give of themselves therefore forcing their families to make emotional and logistical sacrifices. For example, the Alabama Army National Guard's 877th Engineer Battalion, the state's largest single unit with more than 600

members, is serving in Iraq. We are proud, not only of the size of Alabama's contribution, but their reputation for excellence.

The brave troops who are serving this country deserve nothing less than our total support and commitment; the same level of commitment they have already bestowed to protect our nation.

They extol freedom, justice and liberty, and are the essence of the American spirit. I call on every Alabamian to pray for our troops daily. We must commemorate our Alabama brethren who have

given of themselves while combating the war on terror. It is imperative that we remember not only our soldiers on the battlefield but the one's who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

We must remember the ten courageous Alabamians who lost their lives in Iraq, defending our freedom and fighting for the freedom of others. We must remember Sgt. Timothy M. Conaway of Enterprise, 22; Sgt. Jason D. Jordan of Elba, 24; Pfc. John E. Brown of Troy, 23; Pfc. Howard Johnson, II of Mobile, 21; Pfc. Kelly S. Prewitt of Centerpoint, 24; Staff Sgt. Nino D. Livaudais of Ft. Mitchell, 23; Chief Warrant Officer Robert Channell of Tuscaloosa, 36; Spc. Cedric L. Lennon of West Blocton,

32; Sgt. 1st Class Christopher R. Willoughby of Phenix City, 29; and Cpl. Andrew Chris of Huntsville, 25.

We must remember Chief Warrant Officer Mark S. O'Steen of Ft. Rucker, 43 and CIA Agent Johnny Michael Spann of Winfield, 32, who were killed answering their country's call in Afghanistan.

We must remember Sgt. Jeremy D. Foshee of Pisgah, 25, who gave his life for Operation Enduring Freedom. We must remember Major Dwayne Williams of Jacksonville, 40 and Sergeant Tamara C. Thurman of Brewton, 25, who fell victim to the 9-11 attacks on the Pentagon. In a time when our nation looks to our best and brightest for hope, we need not look any further than our own backyard. For, it is there that you will find a vast congregation of the heroic men and women who are defending our nation at home and abroad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I want to say, "Thank you, Mississippi!" I just heard that their state wants the monument of the Ten Commandments.

I've been watching the national news concerning the Ten Commandments and their removal from public view in Alabama's judicial building. I lived in Elba and Phenix City, Ala. for a total of 21 years, therefore, I am somewhat amazed.

The managing editor of a major newspaper here was seeking input from readers. I'd like to share some of my thoughts with your readers from here in Illinois.

My first cousin retired after serving several terms as Alabama Supreme Court Justice. I never knew if his judgments were biased, but I'm happy that he and I have a few matching genes. Am I biased? Yes... Alabama is my home state and is considered the Bible Belt.

Millions of people watched as the 25-ton granite monument of moral laws was removed from public view. Why? Because the Alabama Supreme Court said it was unconstitutional. Perhaps the remaining "Supremes" would allow small plaques to be placed on every wall.

Should every reference to God be hidden away because His moral laws might offend the small percentage of non-believers such as those who assisted in taking away some of our freedoms on Sept. 11, 2001? Should we continue to lose our freedoms? I say, "Stand up and be counted."

I'm glad the two stone tablets weren't rejected in Moses' day. And, I'm glad the Ten Commandments can be displayed in the US Supreme

Chamber banquet set for Thursday, Sept. 25 in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of September 25, 2003. The Elba Rec Center located on Clayton Ave. will be the location for the banquet this year and the time will be 6:30 p.m.

Once again this year they will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors in Elba. The theme is "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of Elba". These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal. There will be fifteen vendors who will participate in this year's event.

Elba's 150th birthday celebration will be continued during the banquet. Old Elba memorabilia will be on display, the king and queen of the sesquicentennial celebration will be introduced. A short history of Elba will be told by a favorite historian.

An awards ceremony will take place to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to be. A very special guest will entertain.

Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, or from any chamber board member. The cost is \$15.00, and all tickets must be purchased in advance by September 24. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Dress for the event is casual.

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Court, regardless of how many stones we trip over or monuments we admire, most of us can't stop long enough to read or heed some of the warning signs.

The Ten Commandments don't seem to apply to us today... it's been proven in the courtroom. These laws... plus a few more... should be replaced with the Laws of the Land, engraved in stone and mounted in front of every prison gate.

By the way, is that a real Bible in the courtroom today?

Vera Maddox-Crozier

Dear Ferrin,

I am really tired of good people fighting Judge Roy Moore for the good he is standing up for. Let me tell you what I believe these 10 laws God gave Moses were all about.

1. We have no other god - this holds society together

2. Don't worship idols - this holds philosophy and meaning together

3. Don't take His Name in vain - this means respect the Creator

4. Rest on the Sabbath. This keeps us physically and emotionally well

5. Honor father and mother. This builds families together

6. Do not murder - speaks for itself

7. Do not commit adultery - holds marriages together

8. Do not steal - gives value to personal property

9. Do not be a false witness. This holds the courts and justice system together

10. Do not covet - this holds your person and personality together

Look what's happened in government schools when these 10 commandments were taken out of schools. Look what's happened when God's Name is not allowed in school except as a swear word. Look what has happened since many students, teachers or those in authority.

What about adultery, now that students don't keep themselves pure, but are given condoms and sex "education"?

When were the Christians when the 10 commandments were taken out of school and prayer was outlawed?

Were you outraged when the Boy Scouts were ordered to hire homosexuals on staff or lose homosexual funding?

Please do not give me the stupid argument why Judge Roy Moore is wrong for disobeying a law some liberal judge makes up to fit the occasion.

What about the laws in Germany under Hitler that were wrong? Would you have said to Winemans Hospice, 557 Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL 36330, Mr. Stokes was a lifetime resident of Elba and Coffee County, a graduate of the University of Alabama, and the University of Alabama School of Law. He had practiced law in Elba for 50 years, was a past member of the State of Alabama House of Representatives and also served as chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Committee for 45 years. Bill and Carolyn recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Martha and Joseph Guerrero Elba, AL 36323

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JACKSON WILLIAM "BILL" STOKES

Mr. Jackson William "Bill" Stokes, age 74, of Elba, Ala. died Sept. 6, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2003 at the Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. John Baxter officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home in Elba directing.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Winemans Hospice, 557 Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Harris Temple Youth Department to hold fall youth workshop

Harris Temple Youth Department presents a fall youth workshop on September 14, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Concert September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 12 & up. Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. is located in Elba on 747 Adams Street. For more information call Jonathan Lockett 897-2863, Miranda Russell 897-3893, or Melissa Reese 393-0544.

Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God plan fund raiser for September 13

Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God is holding a fund raiser on September 13, 2003 from 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for their building fund. They are having a yard sale, bake sale, car wash, lemonade stand and Boston Butts. Boston Butts can be picked up after 9:30 a.m. Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God is located at 1127 County Road 639 in Coffee Springs, Alabama.

Church of Christ to hold Gospel Meeting September 21-24

Elba Church of Christ to hold Gospel Meeting Monday through Wednesday beginning at 7:00 P.M. September 21-24. The Theme: will be Dead to the World, Living Anew.

Sunday Services will begin at 9 a.m. and will follow with a fellowship meal.

Our Speaker is George Merritt, host of the radio show "Power and the Glory", heard every Sunday morning at 8:00 on 93.7 FM.

The church is located at 715 North Troy Highway (87 North). For more information call 897-2057.

NAACP Annual

Freedom Fund Banquet to be held

Coffee County Branch #5017 NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet honoring Mayor Charles Cole recipient of the 2nd Lawrence DeRamus Award will be held October 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Enterprise Civic Center. Tickets will be \$10.00. For more information or tickets call Tommy and Alida Haynes at (334)393-6747 or Reiders and Gayle White at (334) 308-9829.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-21

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Rev. Joyce B. Johnson, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Mattie Belcher, The Whitehurst Family, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. J.R. Parks, Catherine Johnson, Annie L. Williams, Anne B. Flournoy, The Willingham family, Julia Phillips, O.B. Daniels, Dora Belcher, Clarence Taylor.

***Auxiliary Week will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba, September 22-27 at 7:00 p.m. nightly Monday night.

Deacons/Deaconess, Tuesday night - Matrons/ Missionary, Wednesday night - Youth Department, Thursday night - Ushers, Friday night - Sunday School/ Brotherhood, Saturday night - Choirs.

***116th Church Anniversary of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba will be held September 28, 2003 at 11:15 a.m.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Elba

Gospel Bluegrass Festival to be held September 20

The Bush Family will host a Gospel Bluegrass Festival on September 20, 2003 starting at 4:30 p.m. at Crystal Springs Park (down town Red Level, Ala.) Featuring: Southern Comfort Bluegrass, Jimmy Williams & the Gospel Grass, The Turman Family, Martin Hicks & the Bluegrass Boys, The Jackson Family.

Gospel Singing to be held at ZC Express

A Gospel Singing will be held this Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003 at ZC Express across from Zion Chapel School. The singing begins at 6:00 p.m. and will feature "Derek

Snellgrove & Mercy's Call" and "The Singing Miracles". The public is invited to attend. Bringing personal lawn chairs will make the event more enjoyable for guests.

Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

A Gospel Singing will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, Saturday, September 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The featured singing group will be the Calvary Singers from

Opp. Everyone is invited to attend. Calvary Baptist Church is located on Hwy 189 North of Elba.

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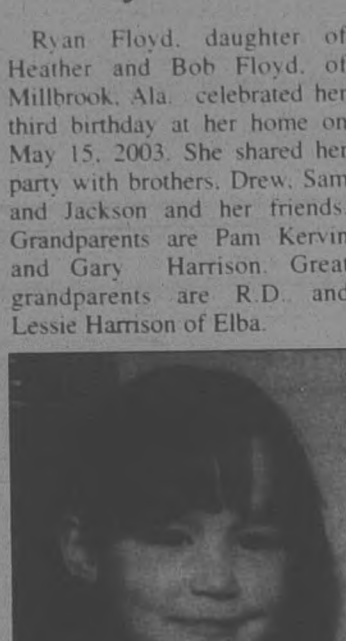


MRS. ZADIE BOUYER celebrated her 99th birthday on July 27, 2003 at the home of her daughter, Chris Jack on Sunset Boulevard in Elba. Family members and friends traveled from far and near for the celebration, coming from Nevada, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama. The birthday celebration was enjoyed by the honoree and a host of family and friends.

Ryan Floyd is three years old



Ryan Floyd



New Arrival:

JAMES BRADY COBB



James Brady Cobb

Dale and Kelly Cobb of Elba announce the birth of their son, James Brady Cobb, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at Enterprise Medical Center.

Brady is the grandson of James W. (Pete) and Kathleen Cobb of Luverne, Ala., and Betty Bradley of Enterprise, Ala. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Blake, age 4.

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Miss Michelle Lewis honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on August 24



Pictured seated L to R: Mrs. Lyn Lewis, Miss Michelle Lewis-honoree, standing L to R: Mrs. Gwendolyn Marsh, Mrs. Jessie Lewis, and Mrs. Linda Utz

On Sunday afternoon, August 24, 2003, Miss Michelle Lewis, bride-elect of Ralph Edward Utz, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at Moseley's Studio.

Miss Beth Utz, sister of the groom, attended the guest registry. The registry table was adorned by a cut arrangement of fresh lilies and mums.

The many friends and relatives who attended between the hours of half past one and three o'clock were welcomed by Ms. Glenda Adkinson, who presented the guests to the honoree. Also joining Miss Lewis in the receiving line were her mother, Mrs. Lyn Lewis, Mrs. Linda Utz, mother of the groom, Mrs. Jessie Lewis, the bride's grandmother, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Marsh, the bride's grandmother.

Mrs. Candace Vaughan and Ms. Lucia Grantham served the guests refreshments from a table covered with white brocade tablecloth overlaid with netting adorned with beautiful yellow and pinkish flowers designed by the bride's mother. The table was accented with a crystal punch bowl, crystal serving trays and beautiful cut flowers.

After enjoying refreshments, the guests mingled and viewed the many gifts that were displayed throughout the studio.

Serving as hostesses were Glenda Adkinson, Jamie Allen, Jennie Allen, Kathy Bozeman, Margaret Calhoun, Kathy Giles, Lucia Grantham, Henrietta Grimes, Ann Holley, Ruth Inman, Debbie Jarred, Teresa Kirkland, Vivian Lee, Kay Mack, Kathy Mixon, Valarie Moore, Gloria Moseley, Gwen Mullinax, Jane Nicholson, Judy Oglesby, Sara Smith, Candace Vaughan, Ramona Wambles and Kathy Weeks.



Hunter Snow to celebrate 8th birthday September 22

Hunter Snow, son of Donnie and Sonya Snow, will celebrate his eighth birthday on September 22, 2003. Grandparents are Gloria Parker, Coston Barlow, and Don and Pat Snow. Great-grandparents are Cecil and Jeanette Parker.

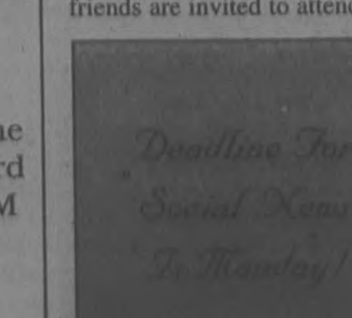
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She is a 2001 graduate of New Brockton High School. The future groom is the grandson of Louise Stanford of Enterprise; and Alfred West of Starnes, Ky.; and the late Jack Stanford and Rita Summers.

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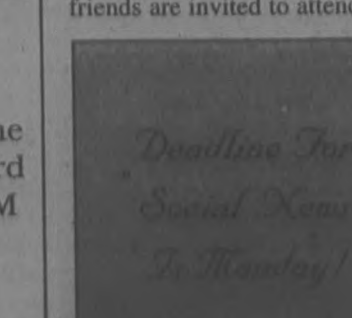
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Pictured L to R: Mrs. T. Belle Oggs, Mrs. Marsh Oggs, Miss Anna Head - honoree, Mrs. Chris Head, Miss Katherine Head and Mrs. Kristi Wilkerson

Bridal Shower honoring Miss Anna Head held Sunday, September 7

Many friends gathered at the National Security Conference Center for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Anna Head, bride-elect of Mr. Rex Oggs, on Sunday afternoon, September 7, 2003. Antique wrought iron urns filled with arrangements of sunflowers, daisies, and greenery flanked the double front doors. The registry table held an etched crystal vase of pink rose buds and eucalyptus and was attended by Miss Rebecca English. After registering, guests were then presented to Miss Anna Head, the honoree. Mrs. Chris Head, mother of the honoree, and Mrs. Marsha Oggs, mother of the future groom, mingling and visiting with guests were Mrs. T. Belle Oggs, paternal grandmother of the future groom; Mrs. Kristi Wilkerson, sister of the future groom; and Miss Grace Wilkerson, niece of the groom. Miss Mary Katherine Head, sister of the honoree, presided over the silver punch service. Brass appointments held dainty party refreshments that were served from a separate table covered with a beautiful ecru cutwork cloth. The focal point of the table was a stately full arrangement of fruit, flowers, greenery, and vines radiating from a brass punch bowl resting on a pedestal. Complementing the arrangement were large brass candlesticks entwined with vines and greenery at the opposite end of the table. Friends and relatives enjoyed viewing the wide assortment of gifts displayed on round tables covered with white cloths. Hostesses for the occasion were Jamie Allen, Lynn Baker, Pam Baker, Marsha Ballah, Pam Beale, Gwen Bozeman, Harriette Boyd, Kathy Bozeman, Katrina Calhoun,

Margaret Calhoun, Martha Coleman, Daphne Cook, Lynn Corder, Myrna Cotton, Dixie Dorsey, Pam Driggers, Kathy Edmondson, Jo Ruth English, Mary Farris, Kathy Giles, Melanie Robertson, Kathy Grimes, Jean Helms, Debbie Jared, Lisa Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, Judy Killingsworth, Mrs. Gus McCall, Mrs. Vann McCall, Valene Moore, Velma Moore, Gloria Mosley, Patricia Nicholson, Janice Phillips, Melanie Robertson, Kathy Smith, Cora Spicer, Sara Strong, Allona Vaughan, and Kaye Whitworth.

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SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
Sponsors: Lori Gotney & Tracy Whittaker

New Brockton Elementary School welcomes new faculty members

Kelly Wood and Sarah Sims interviewed Mrs. Deborah Herron, who is the new counselor. She is married and has one son, Walter.

Mrs. Herron attended Alabama A&M and Florida A&M. She lives in New Brockton and likes to walk, read, work with young people and sometimes watch TV.

One other detail, she came to New Brockton from Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Tevon McNaughton and Shane Walker interviewed Mrs. Heather Templin, a resource teacher.

Mrs. Templin lives in Troy with her husband, Bobby. She attended Troy State University and has taught three and four year old students at Park Memorial Preschool. She enjoys reading motivational books.

Adina Smith, Krista Thomas and Dixi Boswell interviewed Mrs. Bobbie Williams, a new teacher's aide.

Mrs. Williams has three children, Corky, Monica, and Summer. She lives in the small city of Opp. She is married to Robert Williams.

Mrs. Williams comes to New

Brockton Elementary from Kinston Elementary School, and everyone wishes her a great year at New Brockton!

Austin Bryant and Brook Winburn interviewed Mrs. Janet Holmes, the new nurse. She is married with two children, Joey and Jenis. Jenis is married and lives in Pennsylvania, and Joey teaches science at Enterprise High School.

Her favorite hobbies are taking care of her animals and reading, and her favorite place to go is to see her family.

Shelby Brown and Elizabeth Brewer interviewed Mrs. Sheila Johnson, a new third grade teacher at New Brockton.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Jason, live in Damascus. She graduated from Troy State University and has taught at Elba Elementary School. Some of her hobbies are exercising, cross-stitching and gardening.

Mrs. Johnson said she is glad to be at New Brockton. She is married to Joshua Stanton and Blake Winburn interviewed Ms. Suzanne Rhoades, a new third grade teacher at New Brockton.

Mrs. Rhoades is engaged, and she likes to teach.

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water ski and be with friends and family.

Mrs. Rhoades went to Troy State University from the year 2000-2002, and she lives in Kinston.

Sawyer Whittaker and Adam Pope interviewed Mrs. Dana Padgett, who teaches sixth grade at New Brockton Elementary School.

Last year at Daleville.

She lives in Elba with her husband, Kyle, and their daughter, Annelise. She is a graduate of Troy State University.

Cassidy Moore, Missy Osborn and Abby Dunaway interviewed Ms. Jackie Metcalf, a new fifth grade teacher at N.B.E.S.

Before she came here, Ms. Metcalf taught at Daleville Middle School. She and two daughters, Candace and Courtney, live in Enterprise.

Everyone wishes Mrs. Metcalf a good year at N.B.E.S.

Kristie Wood and Britany Whitehead interviewed Mrs. Chris Sutley, the new reading coach of N.B.E.S.

Mrs. Sutley is married to Wayne Sutley, and they have one son, Clay. They all live in Elba, Alabama.

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Thoughts for a new school year

by John R. Sawyer

School has been in session for a little over a month now. In some ways, it feels like we never left. It never is too bad getting back into the swing of things. I would, however, like

to express my thoughts on what a new school year should really be about.

We must begin the year with a good attitude. We should be determined not to repeat mistakes from last year, realize that things can be done better or differently, and set our sights on what we can do as a school community to make New Brockton High School the very best it can be.

It would be terrible to start the year with negative thoughts and a bad attitude. It's critical that we all work together toward the common goal of learning new things. Let's show everyone that things are better than ever at

New Brockton High School. We have to remember that we all represent each other and that only our best will be good enough in everything we do.

That includes all of us. Remember that through each other and with each other great things can happen. Supporting each other through good and bad, relying on the guidance of the great teachers here at New Brockton, and having pride in ourselves and our school will be the thoughts that guide us through this year.

If we never quit trying to do our best we will never fail. If we should stumble let us be there to pick each other up.

NBHS teacher sets example for academics and athletics

New Brockton High School seventh, eighth and ninth grade teacher Terry Patman believes wholeheartedly in the importance of the subject he teaches.

Even though math has always come easily to him, he realizes that it can be difficult for others, and he enjoys trying to help his students grasp Pre-Algebra and Algebra I concepts.

"Math skills are so important in life," he says. "Math, in my opinion, makes the world go around, or at least you can explain it using math."

This practical philosophy is also evident in the way Patman teaches. He says he not only wants students to see how math relates to everyday life, but also he wants them to leave his classroom knowing a little more about life all around. He strives to reach every student by making learning fun.

"If students dread coming to class, they are probably less likely to learn," he explained. Many of the students he has taught over the years confirm that Patman continuously reaches his goals because they have passed the math section of the Alabama High School

Graduation Exam, and they credit it to what they learned from him.

Patman is originally from New Brockton and has taught here for eight years. He says that he likes it because it's small enough to be a friendly place, yet just big enough to be diverse. He enjoys being a part of the school, and serves as an assistant football coach for the Gamecocks.

When asked what was one interesting thing people may not know about him, he said, "I have a degree in Computer Science as well. Many people think of coaches as big, dumb jocks. Some of us are actually quite intelligent."

Important Dates: Take Note!

- NBHS Campus Beauty Pageant - September 13, Time TBA
- Homecoming - Changed from October 3 to October 24, Gamecocks vs. Wicksburg
- September - Students make sure club dues are paid this month!
- Week of September 29 - Graduation Exam
- October 6 - October 10 - Fall Intercession, students out of school

New Face at N.B.H.S.

NBHS Business Teacher Tish Campbell has lived and taught all over the country, but she is currently calling New Brockton High School home.

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Campbell has lived in seven different states, with seven years experience under her belt, including three different college teaching jobs, one of which was at Enterprise State Junior College.

Campbell graduated from Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts, and received a graduate degree from New Hampshire College in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Well-traveled and certainly a well-rounded person, Campbell likes the small school atmosphere at NBHS.

"I like the fact that the school is small and that my classes are relatively small. It's such an advantage for the students because there is more opportunity for class participation," she explained. "I feel that I can more directly meet the needs of each individual student."

Campbell stresses the importance of the skills taught in her class. With the fast pace of the business world and technology changing overnight, she tries to demonstrate the relevance of what students learn.

"I want my students to see that what they learn today will most definitely help them in the business world tomorrow," she said.

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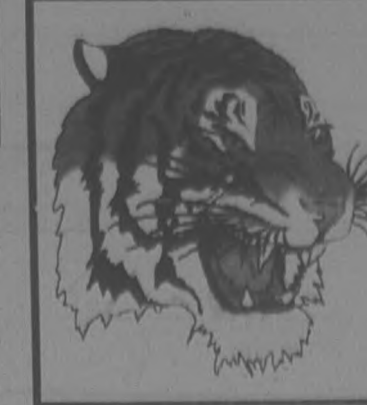
SCHOOLS

School Reminders:

by Anna Harrison

Full school pictures will be held in the auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Remember to dress appropriately. Girls, no low cut shirts, and guys, no earrings.

Follow the school dress code!



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

Students encouraged to show pride for school

by Alex Allen

Pride is an emotion, but it is one that is more complex than happiness or sadness.

Through more complex, it can be just as easily conveyed. People show pride in their grades, or intelligence. They show pride in their looks, or beauty. One may even show pride in their possessions, such as a vehicle or a specific piece of apparel.

Nothing is wrong with any of

this. In fact, one of the definitions of pride is to have a high opinion of oneself, and another is to show satisfaction in something done or owned.

Nowhere in these definitions does it say pride is wrong, but this all they want but pride is satisfaction in something owned and no one can say that some small piece of this school does not belong to them.

They will carry part of this school with them through the rest of their life. No one can really dislike school, for they own it and are part of it. No one dislikes something they own and were part of.

I am not asking you to paint walls, put up borders, or pick up trash, just to stop doing things that must be undone.

I am asking you to take pride in something you own and were part of, and not to do anything that would delay the memories of our school that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Karrie is involved in journalism. In her spare time, Karrie enjoys going to the beach, talking on the phone and spending time with her family.

Keep up the good work, Karrie!

Karrie Copeland

Students writing history of Elba play

by Mary Katherine Head

On Thursday, October 9, there will be a play in the Elba High School auditorium entitled "The History of Elba."

The play is being written by Mrs. Kathy Pattie's ninth grade class.

The students searched through the Coffee-Covington-Geneva School archives, read books and surfed the Internet for one week in order to write this play. The students are currently writing the play, which they hope to do in one week as well. They have been recording improv jokes, this far and will then transcribe them into dialogue.

Though the students in Mrs. Pattie's class will have dibs on any part they wish to play in "The History of Elba", most of the characters will be played by students in the elementary school talent pool.

Elba Elementary School Menu

September 15 - 19, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on the Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Field Peas, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Sliced Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger Helper, Corn, Green Beans, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Free nursing CEU courses offered

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer two continuing education courses for nurses during the month of September. These programs are designed to educate nurses and to assist them in obtaining continuing education units to maintain licensure.

HIV: The Impact on Women - will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 2-4 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building on the MacArthur Campus. This program is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health Training Network. Free CEU's are available to participants in the state of Alabama. Nurses will receive 2.1 hours, and Social workers will receive 2.0 hours.

Fall Prevention: The Three W's - will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 5-6 p.m. in the Conference Center Building on the MacArthur Campus. This

program is sponsored by Covenant Hospice. Nurses who attend this program will receive 1 contact hour of continuing education credit free of charge.

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School-to-Career program awards grant check



The Coffee-Covington-Geneva School to Career Partnership recently presented two Elba High School teachers with a \$500 mini-grant for materials, transportation, equipment, honorariums, food, etc. to be used to implement a program to benefit Elba High students in a transition from school to the workplace. EHS teachers, Julie Norris (second from left) and Ricky Carlie (right) were chosen as recipients of the mini-grant based on proposals they presented to the School-to-Career Partnership. Terri Dunn (second from right), coordinator of the School-to-Career Partnership, presented the check to the teachers and Elba High School principal Johnny Dunn (left).

EHS Opinions: Removal of the Ten Commandments monument

by Meredith English

Just recently the 2 1/2-ton granite monument of the Ten Commandments was removed from the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court building. Two years ago Judge Roy Moore installed the set of engraved tablets and he risked his career when after a federal judge ordered it to be removed he still kept it there. He was stated saying that he would take his light to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Moore was quoted saying, "It is a sad day when the moral foundation of our law and the acknowledgment of God has to be hidden from public view."

Several people agree with him. There are also those who don't otherwise the monument would still be in the rotunda. I have taken the liberty to ask

the opinions of several students and staff members of our high school. Keep in mind that these are the opinions of these people and these people only.

Kathy Pattie - I don't see what it hurt. Other religions have artifacts set up around and those artifacts don't offend anyone.

Julie Norris - The monument should have been left where it was. Our legal system is based upon "In God We Trust."

Wynn Grimes - If people don't want to look at them, they can walk around it.

Harold Rogers - This is America not any other country. If I went to Russia, would they change their laws for me? I prefer

the opinions of these people and these people only.

Katie Driggers - I think that if people who follow other religions should be able to display their monument instead of removing ours.

Jessica Danforth - I don't think it was right. The exons were founded on God. To me it makes the judicial system look hypocritical.

EOCC offers free adult ed. classes

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, and math, as well as in preparation for the GED Test.

Enterprise Ozark Community College brings a session to New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Enrollment is open at any time. Individualized instruction is available.

Additional Adult Education sites will be provided upon request. Call 347-2623, ext. 2218 to find out more about these special FREE classes!

Seniors make class decisions

At the beginning of this school year, the senior class met to determine its class colors, flower and motto.

This was done by way of voting. The votes have been tallied, and the results are in.

The class colors are gold and white. The lily was chosen to be the class flower, and the motto is "Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

The class flowers and colors will be used in such upcoming events as Baccalaureate, Graduation, and Class Reunions.

Each will represent the Class of 2004 in the years to come.

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New Brockton's school spirit rampant and raging

NBHS school spirit came out this year like a bull out of the pen. To kick off the football season, the first pep rally was held on Friday, August 29, opening game night for the Gamecocks, who hosted the Zion Chapel Rebels.

In true Gamecock spirit, the Varsity cheerleaders hosted a contest called "Retire the Rebels", which called for students to dress up like senior citizens on Thursday of that week.

During homeroom on Friday, students voted for the best-dressed senior citizen in each grade and the winners competed in a wheelchair race at the pep rally.

Winners were Matthew Stanford and Channon Stucky. Both received a small prize and free tickets to the game.

That spirit led the Gamecocks to a victory over the Rebels, 49-12.

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Kaley Moore is Little Miss New Brockton. She is a second grader in Miss Nolin's class and is preparing for Little Miss Peanut on October 18.

Derrick Cook is a Sophomore and is involved in Spanish Club, Math Club, Science Club, Varsity Football, FBLA, FCA, Gamecock baseball, and his youth group's Drama Team. He is the son of Larry and Sherry Soares of Enterprise.

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High cheerleaders sponsored a car wash last weekend at Hardees, and since my youngest daughter was playing in a volleyball tournament down in Kinston, it meant that Dad had to fill in and help with cars. I really didn't mind filling in, but it didn't take real long to figure out that while the girls were going to get water than the cars, it would be the Mom's and Dad's that showed up that would do most of the actual washing. By late in the morning all the girls were soaked from head to toe, the cars, trucks and vans had been washed, and everyone was ready to call it a day. The only problem was that no one remembered to bring the towels!

ELBA TIGERS FALL IN REGION OPENER TO CENTRAL

The Elba Tigers were looking to get well and soothe some wounds left over from their season opening loss to Brantley when they hosted Central Friday night at Tiger Stadium, but someone forgot to tell the Lions from Lowndes County that they were supposed to roll over and play dead as the Lions answered every Elba score and survived a late Tiger scoring threat to stun the Tigers 27-20. The loss left Elba 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in the region, and more importantly left the Tigers, the coaches and the Tiger fans scratching their heads and wondering just what will happen over the next eight weeks of the season. Two weeks and two losses doesn't make a season a disaster, but the unexpected loss Friday night to Central no doubt has many folks looking for the life raft.

The Elba offense had success throughout the game moving the ball against Central, but saw countless penalty flags and other mistakes continue to keep the Tigers out of the endzone for much of the first half. The Tigers did settle down for much of the second half and looked good both running and passing, only to make key mistakes on its next to last possession after moving deep into Central territory that may have very well cost Elba a chance to pull out the win. The offense scored three touchdowns, had a number of positive plays and had some players stand up and make big plays. The mistakes may be due in part to youth and inexperience, but that should get better as the season rolls along, and everything considered the offense probably did show some improvement in many areas.

The Elba defense gave up some big plays that resulted in four Central touchdowns and twenty-seven points. The defense was hurt at times by the run, but did hold its own overall on the ground, while in the air the Lions appeared at times to have come out early for practice as receivers ran wide open through the Elba secondary and pulled in three passes for touchdowns. The Elba defense was far more aggressive Friday night than it was in week one and had some big plays, it just allowed too many big plays by Central and allowed far too many points.

Elba fans can't jump ship after just two games and need to remember that once many years ago the Tigers lost their first four games and rallied to play in the state championship game. I am not about to predict any such happenings by this year's version of the Tigers, but the key to high school football is improvement, and as long as the players and coaches see their mistakes and make corrections, there is hope that better days are ahead. It is a total team effort, however, and that means everyone must support everyone else and not look for anyone to blame. Hey, we all knew the Tigers would be young and inexperienced before the season began, and while no one planned on being 0-2, there are still eight games left on the schedule and the teams Elba plays won't feel sorry for the Tigers when they pull on the pads on Friday night. If Elba will play hard, play with pride and play its best for all four quarters, the scoreboard will tell the story.

WET AND WACKY WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS

The rainy weather that rolled in Friday afternoon played havoc with the games held last week and even resulted in a few being postponed. Here is a look at last week's action involving teams in the area:

*** **BRANTLEY (2-0)** - The Bulldogs were expected to have a tough time against Cottonwood, but for the second straight week pulled away in the second half and downed the Bears 35-0 in a key region game. It usually takes a team a couple of weeks to get rolling early in the season; however, since the Bulldogs are 2-0 and have outscored their first two opponents 68-7, it is scary to think what will happen if they ever get on a roll.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (1-1)** - The Gamecocks slipped 14-4-1 in the region with a 20-6 loss to Red Level, and after only two weeks there is already concern over in Gamecock Country that this year's team may not be as good as many thought. Hey folks, these guys won their opener 49-12 and lost to a good Red Level team in the rain, but they still have the chance to be a very good 2 team and will get better as the season rolls along. It is still a tough region, and like it or not the losses will come.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (0-2)** - The Rebels gave their fans something to cheer about early in last week's loss to Pleasant Home by jumping out to a quick 7-0 lead, but saw little go right on offense after that as the Rebels lost 26-7 to the Eagles in a region contest. Fumbles kept the Rebels from putting any more points on their side of the scoreboard and led to two Eagle scores. The result was a loss or more frustration for the Rebels and their fans. Keep the faith folks, hard work always pays off.

*** **KINSTON (0-0)** - The Bulldogs had their Friday night game postponed until Monday night because of the heavy rains that soaked the area last week, and as a result ended week number three with still no games under their belts. I know the Bulldogs are tired of watching other teams play, and they will get their wish this week since will hit the field twice in five days against very good region opponents. Maybe this time next we will know if it was worth the wait.

SECOND WEEK OF SEASON HAS SURPRISES

The high school football season wrapped up its second week of play last week and while the rainy weather did cause some problems all across South Alabama, it also turned a few heads with some major surprises. Here is a quick look back...

*** Enterprise made the short trip over to Dothan and handed the 6A Tigers an 18-0 defeat to move to 2-0 on the young season. The Wildcats have yet to be very impressive on the offensive side of the football, but did see the defense step up last week and toss a shut out. If the defense can carry the load for a couple of weeks, it might just give the offense the opportunity to work out its kinks and get on

a roll.

*** Andalusia hosted Gulf Shores and squeaked out a slim 6-0 win over the lowly Dolphins. Andalusia fans knew it would be a rebuilding season for the Bulldogs; however, after two weeks many fans are still looking for something to build with. Common fans, at least the Bulldogs have a win under their belts after only two weeks of action.

*** Northview and Auburn played in a monsoon Friday night in Dothan and at the final horn the Tigers from Lee County went home with a 7-0 win. Coach Leavy Boutwell's offense managed only three first downs in the rainy conditions and had less than forty yards in total offense, but the Cougar defense kept it close and carried the game into the fourth quarter tied at 0-0. There are no moral victories for a Leavy Boutwell coached team, but this one may come close.

*** Barbour County upped its record to 2-0 last week with a 23-21 upset over Dadeville, and it looks like the Jaguars are may be ready to win on the gridiron. Back before Barbour County merged its schools Clayton was the joke of the state in football. However, this season the Jags are off and running, and no one can laugh at the guys from Barbour County any more. Main do times change.

*** G.W. Long upped its record to 2-0 with a 13-0 win over Samson, and after taking its lumps for a year the Rebels are obviously ready to go to war and pay some folks back. Two games doesn't make or break a season. However, for the people over in Skipperville it has to be great to be winning again and to make such a quick return to the top after only one down year.

*** Geneva County snapped its long losing streak by posting a 20-12 win over Wicksburg in its overtime. The Panthers hit rock bottom just a few years back after one of its players was killed in a game against Geneva and last season struggled to even be keep games close. How great it must have felt for everyone involved in the Bulldogs football program last week to get to celebrate a win.

*** Laverne gave Coach Mike Dubose his first win as a Tiger by upsetting Highland Home 17-12. The 2A Tigers were expected to struggle this season and many area fans had pointed the finger at Dubose after losing to Opp in its opening week action. After two weeks the Tigers are now 1-1 and a solid region title threat, and now maybe Coach Dubose can enjoy the thrills of winning once again a long absence.

*** Opp went to 2-0 and let everyone know the Bobcats are back by pounding Daleville 30-13. The Bobcats have struggled in recent years to even post a winning record, much less compete for a region crown, but after two weeks it looks like the Bobcats may very well be the team to beat in the local 4A ranks. There are still some tough games ahead and many more battles to be won; however, the folks down in Opp have to be excited after two big wins.

*** Central of Tuscaloosa used to be one of the premier football programs in the state and was a state title contender year in and year out, but now that two new high schools have been opened in the city it looks like the Falcons are no longer a threat in any class. After two weeks Central has been outscored by the combined score of 93-0, and even though the losses were to 6A powers Opelika and Prattville, there can be no doubt the glory days are over up in T-town.

*** T.R. Miller was upset by Straughn last season in a week #2 shocker, but the Tigers gained a measure of revenge last week by spanking the Tigers 35-14 down in Brewton. The players and coaches at Miller all look at a season as having fifteen games and the second game of the season usually carries little importance; however, you know the Tigers were ready for Friday night's visit.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Alabama gave top-ranked Oklahoma quite a battle Saturday night before falling 20-13 in one of the nation's top games of the week. Just a few months ago the second-ranked Sooners had given the Crimson Tide up for dead after the hiring of Mike Shula and the embarrassing departure of Mike Price, but the Tide appears to still be a pretty good college football team and should have gained some confidence with its play Saturday night. There is still a lot of football left to be played and some mighty tough games on the horizon. However, after two weeks it seems clear that Alabama has weathered the storm and is still alive and well.

*** Auburn was "Allful" for the second straight week and after beating its own drum all summer long about being a national contender stands 0-2 after just two weeks of the season. I am sure Coach Tuberville will tell anyone that will listen that the Tigers have yet to play a conference game and can still accomplish one of its goals by winning the SEC west. That may be true, but it seems to me that there are problems on and off the field up on the plains, and it will be interesting to see just how the Auburn coach handles his newest troubles. When a coach is making \$1.5 million a year he is not supposed to be 0-2 after two weeks and 30-21 during his years at Auburn.

*** Troy State got pounded again and even though the Trojans are making money, they have done little to get any TSU fans excited about the season. It was one thing to lose to Nebraska back when the Huskers were a national power, but it is a different thing to lose to Kansas State and Minnesota. It may not be fair to blame Coach

At South Alabama Speedway

Hussey and Anderson take checkered flags

By Mark Chism

Mike Hussey and Scotty Anderson took wins in the Super Stock Twin 25's Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway. Brad Webb led flag to flag to take the apparent win in the first feature. That would change later in the evening. Hussey started third but moved into second on the second lap. He stayed second until the end of the race. Webb the remainder of the feature, but couldn't improve his position. Rick Northey finished third when Scotty Anderson dropped off of the pace on the last lap. David Ashley finished fourth and Greg Rabren fifth. In the season opener, Anderson started on the outside pole and took the lead from Ken Pettis on the fourth lap and went on to win. Northey, starting sixth, moved through the field, moving into second on lap 14. Webb moved past Northey with two laps to go to take over the runner up spot. Anderson led Webb, Northey, Hussey, and Pettis to the checkered flag. However, in a turn of events, Webb's car failed a protest and was disqualified from both events giving the first race vic-

tor to Hussey with Northey second, Ashley third, Rabren fourth, and Ricky Whitehead fifth. The official order for the second feature had Anderson winning, followed by Northey, Hussey, Pettis, and Ashley.

Kevin Peel came back from an early race spin to capture the win in the Modified Feature. After spinning, Peel quickly moved back into fourth position behind Jamie Ater, Ken Gibson, and Zach Hammett. Gibson and Hammett got together and spun on lap 17, ending Gibson's night and moving Peel behind Ater. One lap after the restart, Peel made the move around Ater and went on to win. Hammett came back to finish second with Ater third. Ricky Page was fourth and Teddy Sasser fifth.

In the Vintage Feature, Andy Bevis made a bold move around the outside of Travis Watson and Ted Shores to take the lead on lap nine. The trio had battled for the lead for several laps before Bevis went to the outside going into turn one. Exiting turn two, Bevis grabbed the lead and led the rest of the way. Watson held on to second, with Steve Joyner third, Dave Redden fourth, and

Larry Blakeney fifth. The Trojans recent woes, but at the same time those pointing fingers will have to blame someone, and you know I won't be themselves.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR TAKES A FALL

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator's early-season optimism after a big opening week came crashing down last week as the local guesspert posted a 20-7 slate and moved to 41-11 on the season. The prognosticator was still shaking his head when he stopped by the office Sunday morning and was mumbling something about the rain, but he did stop short of making any excuses and left this week's picks. Ummmm, here they are...

ELBA VS. W.S. NEAL

Those furry felines from over near the Pea River got caged again last week to slip to 0-2 for the season and this week will be hoping to make some feathers fly when they head down to East Brewton for a region match-up against the W.S. Neal Eagles. While the Eagles got their feathers ruffled last week in a loss to Pike County, the guess here is that the youthful kitties from Coffee County will have to fight to just survive the visit.

W.S. NEAL 26 ELBA 12

BRANTLEY VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs from across the river made life miserable for Cottonwood last week and this week will head south into the deep, wet woods of Covington County to try and hunt down some red and white Eagles. The long trip could make the Dogs more than just a little hungry, which means there may not be much left to amount after the fight ends. Feathers will be flying in this one.

BRANTLEY 40 PLEASANT HOME 0

NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The Gamecocks looked more like wet feather dusters in last week's region loss to the Tigers from Crenshaw County, and this week must go back in the ring with more of those furry felines as they head down to Samson to meet some Tigers from just across the county line. While the Gamecocks did lose a couple of claws, they should have enough left to scratch their way back into the winner's circle.

NEW BROCKTON 22 SAMSON 8

ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Rebels hit the bullseye with their first shot last week, but never tallied again in failing to 0-2 on the season. This week there is a rumor that a bunch of Lions are headed into the county led by a Rebel deserter, and that the whole gang is planning a picnic once they make it to Jack. While an ambush is a possibility, look for the Lions to head home with a win.

HOUSTON COUNTY 28 ZION CHAPEL 14

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs will get turned loose again Friday night and this time will be able to stay near the house when the go after some purple looking Cats from over in Dale County. While the Dogs are hungry and want to do more than just tree the Cats, they grow 'em big over in Ariton and the hunch here is that this time the Cats win the dogfight.

ARITON 20 KINSTON 6

OTHER PICKS:

Clay County 49 Loachapoka 0
Cottonwood 29 Florala 26
Southern Choctaw 27 Bayside Academy 0
Siscomb 31 Geneva County 7
Laverne 33 Goshen 12
Keith 56 R.C. Hatch 0
Highland Home 18 Billingsley 16
Houston Academy 10 G.W. Long 8
Red Level 27 Wicksburg 0
Straughn 48 Calhoun 6
Pike County 44 Central 14
T.R. Miller 34 Clarke County 16
Andalusia 13 Monroe County 12
Ashford 28 Headland 8
Geneva 24 Bullock County 13
UMS-Wright 35 Choctaw County 7
Opp 27 Dale County 14
Rehobeth 21 Daleville 16
Thomasville 41 Gulf Shores 7
Carroll 29 B.T. Washington 14
Eufaula 31 Wilcox Central 6
Charles Henderson 35 Russell County 0
Central, PC 17 Auburn 14
R.E. Lee 24 Carver 14
Opelika 45 Dothan 10
Enterprise 20 Northview 0
Jeff Davis 21 Lanier 7

SPORTS



HERE COME THE TIGERS... The Elba Tigers take the field prior to the kickoff of last week's region battle between Elba and Central. This week, the Tigers will travel to East Brewton to tangle with the W.S. Neal Eagles in a key region match-up for both teams.



ELBA TIGER CHEERLEADERS... had plenty to smile about early in last week's region clash against Central. The cheerleaders filled the home side wall with banners and kept the crowd fired up as the Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 with the 27-20 loss.



Elba Tiger receiver Kirby Gray (3) turns it on as he heads upfield on a kickoff return. Gray and the Tigers will travel to East Brewton this week to battle the W.S. Neal Eagles.



Elba Marching Tiger Drum Major Jessica Danford directs the band during halftime festivities. The band wowed the Elba fans with another outstanding performance.

The Yardstick

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241	260
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5/1	3/0
5-33	3-31
11-90	14-108

1st Downs	9
Rushes-Yds.	28-83
Passing Yds.	177
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Fumbles/Lost	3/0
Punts-Ave.	3-31
Penalties-Yds.	14-108

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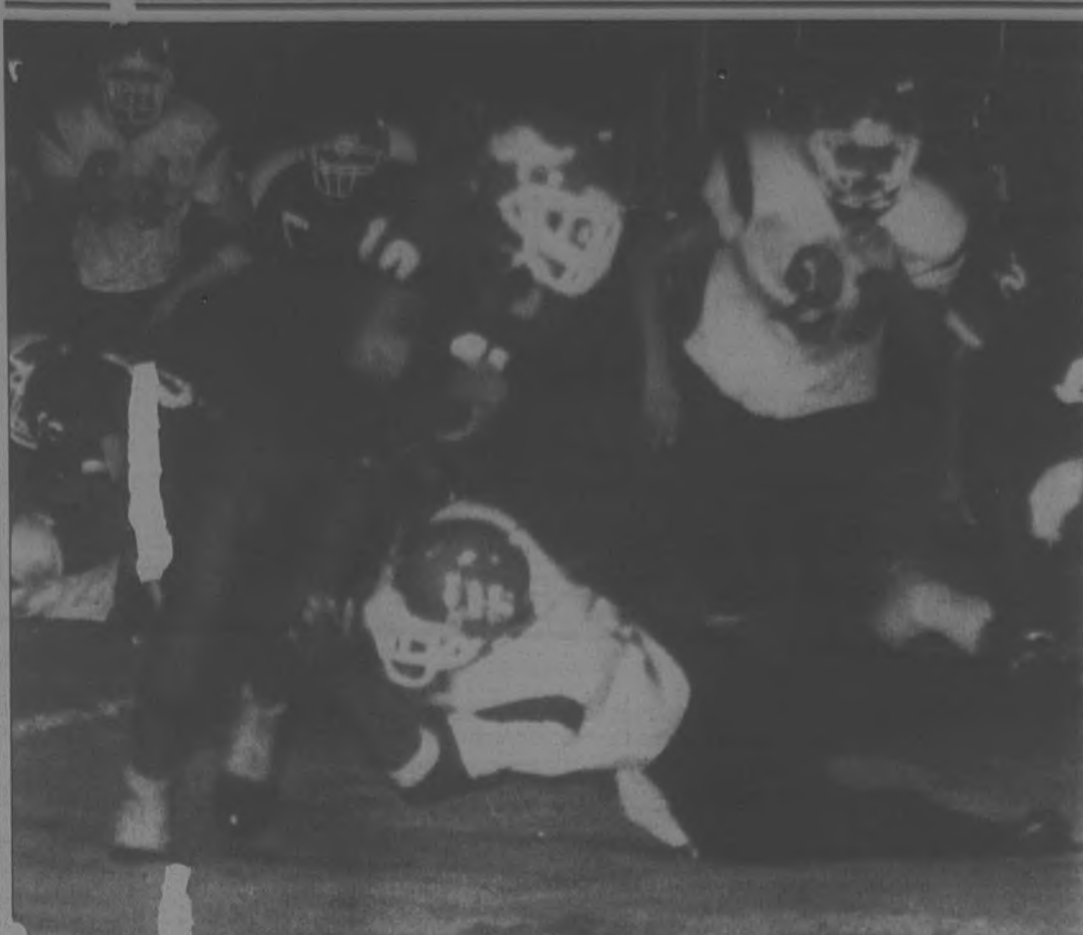
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SPORTS



Brantley's Jamal Jones (10) tries to pull away from a would-be Cottonwood defender during last week's 35-0 win over the Bears in a key region battle. Jones will lead the Bulldogs to Pleasant Home this week for another region battle, this time against the Pleasant Home Eagles.



Brantley Bulldog quarterback Channing Spivey (15) fights for yardage in last week's big 35-0 win over Cottonwood. Spivey scored two touchdowns last week as the Bulldogs pushed their record to 2-0 with the easy region win.

Blank Cottonwood 35-0

Bulldogs chase Bears out of town

Story by Greg Brunson
Pictures by Jo L. Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Cottonwood Bears met on a key field in Brantley Friday night to open the Class 1A, Division 2 football campaign for the 2003 season and the result was a convincing 35-0 drubbing of the visiting Bears by the home standing Bulldogs.

Marcel Stamps recovered a Bears fumble at the Cottonwood 30-yardline to set up the first Brantley scoring threat, and it took the Bulldogs only seven plays to cover the 30 yards to the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Channing Spivey. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 6:12 remaining in the first quarter Brantley was off and running with a 7-0 lead.

The next five possessions of the night ended with punts as both teams played conservative on offense due to the wet field. Brantley put the ball in play at

its 38-yardline after the Bears third punt of the half, and from there the Bulldogs set sails back down the field to add to their lead. A 43-yard scamper by Devaris Skanes on the third play of the drive gave the Bulldogs a first down and goal at the Cottonwood 9-yardline, and three plays later Jamal Jones cracked over from one yard out for the Brantley touchdown. Cedric Jones added the extra-point and with 3:29 left in the second quarter Brantley had upped its lead to 14-0.

On their final possession of the half the Bulldogs marched deep into Cottonwood territory behind the passing combination of Channing Spivey to Marcel Stamps. The Bulldog duo connected twice for gains of 27 and 13 yards, but the clock reached :00 with Brantley still twenty yards from the endzone, and at the half Brantley went in with a 14-0 advantage.

Brantley received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 65 yards in only six

plays to reach paydirt. The touchdown came on a 3-yard run by Channing Spivey, and Cedric Jones again added the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 21-0 with 9:33 left in the third quarter.

The two region rivals swapped turnovers on their next possessions, with Brantley's Cedric Jones recovering a Bears fumble at the Cottonwood 26-yardline, and Cottonwood's Greg Dekit coming up with a pass interception on a tipped ball deep in Bears territory.

The next Brantley touchdown came early in the fourth quarter when Devaris Skanes fielded a punt at the Bulldogs' 42-yardline and raced 38 yards for a score. Skanes reversed his field after pulling in the punt, got a key block from Lance Myers at midfield and raced down the sidelines for the electrifying score. Jones booted the extra-point, and with 8:20 remaining in the game Brantley

was in command with a 28-0 lead.

The Brantley reserves got in on the scoring late in the game when Chris Booker broke loose and raced untouched 36 yards for a touchdown, and Cedric Jones capped off a perfect night kicking with the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 35-0 with 5:45 still left on the clock.

The Brantley rushing attack was led by Devaris Skanes with 160 yards on 18 carries, while Jamal Jones added 63 yards on 12 carries and Chris Booker gained 41 yards on 3 totes.

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335	Total Offense
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3-31	Punts-Ave.
6-57	Penalties-Yds.



A Brantley Bulldog cheerleader aims toward the endzone as the Bulldogs head toward another touchdown. The Bulldogs will be seeking to up their region record to 3-0 Friday night when they travel to Pleasant Home to battle the Eagles.

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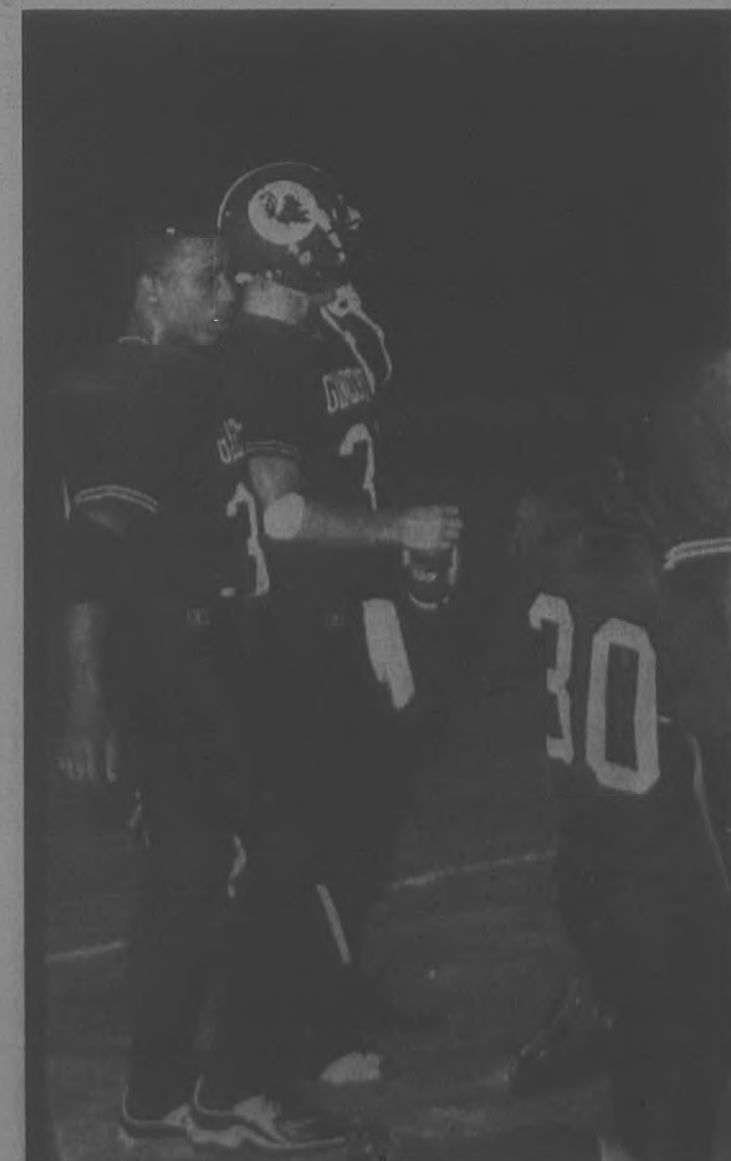
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Saturday, September 13
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Zion Chapel at Kinston
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New Brockton at Elba
Game times 5:30 - 6:30 - 7:30

Story and pictures by Robby Kinsaul

On a night that saw a steady rain fall throughout the game, the Red Level Tigers came away with a big 20-6 region road win against the New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton.



New Brockton players take a break during a time-out. The Gamecocks will travel to Samson Friday night looking to tame the Tigers to even their region record at 1-1.

The Red Level defense was the real story of the night, even over the rain, as the Tigers swarmed all night and didn't allow New Brockton's offense to cross the goal line. The Red Level defense held the Gamecocks to only 113 yards of total offense, with 97 yards

coming on the ground, and held Tyler Simmons had only 49 yards on 12 carries.

Simmons and Fanner Medley did lead the way on defense for New Brockton with 11 and 14 tackles, respectively.

Red Level opened the scoring for the game, as after a long drive the Tigers found themselves facing a third and goal at the 1-yardline. On the third down play, Russell Rigdon called his own number and scored on a one-yard run. Rigdon connected with Chaz Malloy for the two-point conversion, and with 3:55 left in the first quarter Red Level was up 20-0.

The Gamecock defense wasn't able to hold back the Tigers on Red Level's next possession; however, as after a 23-yard run by Larry Hudson Red Level had a first down at the New Brockton 21-yardline. Two plays later Rigdon hit Princeton Ryce on a screen pass, and Ryce scampered all the way to the New Brockton 2-yardline. Ryce

scored on the next play, and even though the two-point try failed, the Tigers were ahead 14-0 with 4:10 left in the second quarter.

The New Brockton defense came up with the Gamecocks' biggest play of the game on the next Red Level possession, as Larry Hudson lost his grip on the slippery pigskin and New Brockton's Brandon Owens picked the loose ball out of the air and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. A personal foul penalty pushed the ball back to the 18-yardline, and the 35-yard extra-point failed as Red Level went in at the half with a 14-6 lead.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff, but fumbled the ball away on its second play of the possession at its own 34-yardline. From there Red Level quickly moved in for its third score of the night, with the touchdown coming on a one-yard plunge by Princeton Ryce. A key play in the scoring march was a 31-yard gain on a screen pass from Rigdon to Hudson.

The two-point try again failed, but with 7:10 left in the third quarter Red Level had extended its lead to 20-6.

The Tiger score proved to be the final points of the night, as both teams exchanged punts and turnovers until the final horn.

SPORTS

Elba Tigers travel to East Brewton for Region 1 battle with W.S. Neal Eagles

The Elba Tigers will be looking to pull off the biggest upset of the early season and get into the win column for the first time this year on Friday night when they travel to East Brewton to battle the high-powered W.S. Neal Eagles in a key Class 3A, Region 1 contest for both teams.

The Tigers will bring an 0-2 record, 0-1 in region play, into the Friday night clash after dropping their opening two games to Brantley 33-7 and Central 27-20, while the Eagles will enter the game at 1-1, 0-1 in the region, after a win over Hillcrest 24-0 and a region loss to Pike County 41-24.

"W.S. Neal is just as talented as ever," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and will be approaching this as a must win game after falling to Pike County last week and falling to 0-1 in the region. Neal missed out on the playoffs last season and knows that if it drops to 0-2 it will be hard to make the playoffs. So, there is no doubt they will be ready and will be focused to even their region record."

"W.S. Neal has a deadly combination of speed and size," added Coach Waters. "They are huge up front and have as much quickness as any team we will face all season. On offense they run a no huddle scheme and use a lot of formations. They try to spread out the defense so that they can best use their team speed, and do a good job out of every formation. They will run the counter and lead out of split backs, and have a big 230-pound fullback that will make you stay honest on defense. When they spread you out they try to get you in one situation, and try to break big plays. Over on defense they lineup in a 4-3 look and blitz on every play. They are huge up front, have linebackers that will knock your

head off and are very aggressive on every play. W.S. Neal is talented everywhere you look, and can shut you out like they did against Hillcrest, or score points, like they did in the loss to Pike County. They can beat you in a lot of different ways and will be out to bounce back against us and make a statement."

"If we are to have a chance to pull off the upset Friday night we will have to play our best and make some breaks," added Waters. "On offense we will have to block well up front and pick up their blitzes. I look for them to put eight or nine men at the line and come after us, and we must be sound and make our blocks to have any chance of moving the football. We will have to establish the run, and also be effective passing. If we can be successful using the short pass maybe we can slow down some of their defensive pressure, and then be able to run the ball. It is hard to block nine men with five blockers. So, we will have to do something that will take them out of their plan. On defense we must adjust to their formations and tackle better than we have in the opening two games. They will try to spread us out and use their speed to break big plays, and we will have to recognize their formations, adjust and make the plays. It is easier said than done, but we did make some positive moves last week and need to improve our tackling this week and play hard on every single down. It only takes one big play to give up a score, and we need to try and make Neal drive the football, which is not what they like to do."

"This is going to be a very tough game a long way from home," said Coach Waters, "and our young men will have to rise to the challenge. We know they

are coming to come after us on both sides of the football, and we have to play hard on every play and see what happens. The score will be 0-0 when they kick it off and that means we will have a chance if we play well. I know the fans are disappointed after the first two games and so are we, but I hope the fans stay behind these young men and make the drive down to East Brewton Friday night to show their support. I promise you we are going to keep on working to improve and as we gain experience some good things are going to happen for this bunch."

When asked about last week's 27-20 region loss to Central, Coach Waters stated "It was a very disappointing loss for the players, coaches and everyone involved with our program, but we can't dwell on what happened and must move forward and improve. They had a couple of good athletes that hurt us on big plays, and we made far too many mistakes. On offense we moved the ball well both running and with short passes, and actually played better in many areas. We made too many penalties that stopped drives, and right now we just aren't good enough to overcome our own mistakes. On defense we made some mistakes in the secondary and Central turned them into touchdowns. We have got to do a better job of pass coverage and must improve our tackling. It was a disappointing loss, but all losses need to be disappointing, and we have to work hard and improve each and every week. We did show improvement last week in many areas, and maybe if we will improve in some other places this week and cut down on the mistakes, we will be a pretty good team before very much longer."

Chili cookoff and road race set for Nov. Rucker in Florida

Entries for the annual Chili 5K and Cookoff here are now being accepted. Runners and chili chefs can get detailed information online and register, too.

Details on both events and secure on-line registration are at a special web site, <www.chili5k.com>.

The event is a fund-raiser for the local chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). Admission is free and open to the public. Runners who register early pay just \$13 and are assured of a colorful Chili 5K T-shirt on race day. Registration the day of the races is \$15.

Chili-cooking teams can register for a \$15 donation, and serious competitors will want to sign up early because spaces are limited.

This year's event is the 12th annual, and organizers have already begun preparations to make it the biggest and best yet.

Here's a quick summary of the events, all at Howe Field. On Saturday, Nov. 1 chili teams start their recipes early in the morning. Each team of not more than five members prepares at least 8 gallons of their pride and joy.

The 5K race begins at 10 a.m., conducted by the Dothan Runners Club. Also at 10, the chili is served to the public at 50 cents per 4-oz. steaming cup. All along Chili Avenue, the chili-cooking teams go into their acts to attract customers and votes, based on popular demand. At the same time, a program of family-oriented entertainment begins.

The Fun Run begins at 11 a.m.

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Zion Chapel's Macon Hodge (11) fights for extra yardage as he drags two Pleasant Home defenders. The Rebels scored early, but saw the Eagles score the next four touchdowns to claim a 26-7 win in last week's region battle.

Drop region opener

Rebels fall to Pleasant Home 26-7

Story and pictures by Ross Adkinson

The Zion Chapel Rebels had a disappointing home opener on Friday night when the Pleasant Home Eagles flew into town and scored past the Rebels 26-7.

The loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 0-2, 0-1 in region play, while Pleasant Home evened its record at 1-1 and moved to 1-0 in the region standings.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and drove 78 yards in nine plays to give the Rebel fans something to cheer about. The Rebels scored with 10:27 remaining in the opening stanza, and converted the extra-point to jump out to a quick 7-0 lead.

Pleasant Home lost a fumble on its first possession and was forced to punt on its second offensive series of the game, but the Eagles came to life on their third possession and scored after a nine play drive to pull within 7-6 with 6:23 remaining in the quarter.

It was a Zion Chapel mistake that helped Pleasant Home grab its first lead of the night late in the second quarter. The Eagles pounced on a Rebel fumble deep in Zion Chapel territory and needed only three plays to



Zion Chapel fans had plenty to cheer about early as the Rebels took the opening kickoff and drove downfield to grab an early 7-0 lead over Pleasant Home.

get on the scoreboard and lead ahead 12-7 with only :15 left in the half.

Pleasant Home scored on a 73-yard run in the third quarter to extend its lead to 18-7 with 11:03 remaining in the third quarter, and then connected on a 27-yard touchdown pass with 10:10 left in the game to up its

lead to 26-7.

The Rebels battled hard until the final horn, but could never get back in the endzone and suffered the region loss 26-7 to the Eagles.

This week the Rebels will be back at home when they host Houston County in another region battle.

Region battles continue this week for all area teams as football season reaches week #3

The high school football season will move into week #3 on Friday night and for the second straight week all games will be against region opponents.

Following are previews of this week's games:

BRANTLEY AT PLEASANT HOME

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to improve their region record to 2-0 and remain undefeated on the young season Friday night when they travel to Pleasant Home to tangle with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs claimed their second win of the season last week in rolling past region foe Cottonwood 35-0, and for the second straight week Devaris Skanes was a force on the offensive side of the football as he gained 160 yards and also added a touchdown on a 58-yard punt return. Brantley has now outscored its first two victims 68-7, not a bad start on the 2003 season! Pleasant Home opened the season with a wild 41-21 loss to 3A power Straughn, but bounced back last week, and moved to 1-0 in the region with a 26-7 win over Zion Chapel. The Eagles are not as dangerous as in years past, but will be at home and should be ready to the Bulldog invasion. Kick off for the game will be 7:00 PM.

ARITON AT KINSTON

It will be a short week for the Kinston Bulldogs this week as they host the Ariton Purple Cats in a region clash on Friday night after opening the season on Monday night in Houston County. The Bulldogs were open the first week of the season and last week had its scheduled opener postponed due the heavy rains that poured across Southeast Alabama. After a slow start, the Bulldogs will get plenty of playing time this week. Ariton is off to a 2-0 start after posting wins over Wicksburg 38-28 and Florida 24-6, and the Purple Cats are an early-season pick to be a contender in the

region. Kinston will need a win Friday night to keep its playoffs hopes alive, but it won't be easy, even at home.

HOUSTON COUNTY AT ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking for win #1 and will be hoping to stay alive in the region race Friday night when they host the Houston County Lions. The Rebels will carry an 0-2 record into the contest after opening the season with losses to New Brockton 49-12 and Pleasant Home 26-7, but Zion Chapel showed signs of life last week in the loss and will be looking to continue its improvement this week against the Lions. Houston County opened its season with a big 22-20 win over 4A Headland and was scheduled to play Monday night in its region opener against Zion Chapel. The Lions are coached by former Zion Chapel head coach David Collins, and there is no doubt the ex-Rebel will be hoping to prove that he can win on either sideline at Green Memorial Stadium.

NEW BROCKTON AT SAMSON

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to get a much needed region win Friday night when they head down to Samson to battle the winless, but hungry Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks made it look easy in posting a 49-12 season opening win over Zion Chapel, but stumbled last week and dropped a region game to Red Level 20-6. An 0-2 start in the region would put the Gamecocks in danger of missing the playoffs, which will make this contest one that Brockton has to win! Samson was expected to be much improved this season, but has stumbled out of the gate with losses to Georgiana 26-14 and G.W. Long 13-0 and needs a win this week to turn things around. These two rivals always look forward to butting heads on the gridiron, and should be a real battle in this region contest.

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The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing. Site AL107-6, II, HUD Modernization Project No. AL09-P107-501-03. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the modernization of fifteen (15) houses which includes entrance doors with security screens, aluminum windows with security screens, interior or door units, finish hardware, cabinets, sheetrock, painting, roofing, electrical, lin. out, cleaning vinyl, aluminum and brick exteriors, VCT, mini-blinds, plumbing, lin. out and end-use garages. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

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CASE NO. PC-2003-70

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION

CV 2003-96
JAMES E. ADAMS
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
A lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the lot known as the Dan Adams Estate (where Georgian Roberts formerly owned) and running thence West and parallel with Adkinson Street 45 feet more or less, to the NW corner of the Wise lot thence South along the Wise lot line and parallel with Adkinson Street 117.5 feet more or less, to the Hammond lot (formerly owned by Brooks and/or Jimmy Andrews), thence Easterly along the Hammond lot line and perpendicular to Adkinson Street 45 feet more or less, to a point on the West margin of Adkinson Street (said point also being the Northeast corner of the Hammond lot), thence Northerly along the West margin of Adkinson Street 117.5 feet more or less, to the point of BEGINNING. Said parcel is located on the East by Adkinson Street, North and West by the property of Mack and Tulah Wise, and on the South by property of Ronnie Hammond and/or successors.

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instructional services, \$1,727,642 for instructional support services, \$1,447,360 for operation and maintenance, \$1,685,935 for auxiliary services, \$673,926 for general administrative services, \$241,026 for debt services and \$114,354 earmarked for other expenditures.

With this budget based on preliminary numbers the school system got in May, Ingram said the board realizes the numbers will either be too high or too low. She said once the state approves its budget, the necessary adjustments will be made.

New Brockton High School students Drew Donaldson and Layton Griffin addressed the board to ask permission to travel to Louisville, Ky. to attend the National FFA convention and compete in the livestock event. They will be joined by fellow students Chelsey Hollis and Mark Windham.

This group of students attended the 74th Alabama State FFA Convention in June where they competed in the Livestock Career Development team event and placed first.

The board approved their out-of-state travel request by a unanimous vote.

Also unanimously, the board approved out-of-state travel for all county school FFA groups wanting to attend the Sunbelt Ag Expo on Thursday, Oct. 16, in Moultrie, Ga.

The only other business discussed during the meeting included two debt policies in which Ingram said the board members could look over before the next meeting.

One policy involves student health services in which Ingram said this will get the school system back in line with state and federal guidelines.

The second policy, made possible by the No Child Left Behind program, is referred to as a parent involvement policy, and Ingram said this encourages parents to be involved in their children's education as participants and advocates.

Look for our indepth look at therapeutic foster care next week in The Elba Clipper!

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THE UNKNOWN WARRIORS

For most countries, World War II began on September 1, 1939 when Adolph Hitler unleashed the German blitzkrieg on Poland. Over two years went by before America joined the Allied war effort and in that time more British civilians died than would American soldiers during the Vietnam War.

During the first ten months of the war, Germany conquered Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France. As the summer of 1940 dawned, German generals were finalizing Operation Sea Lion, their plan to conquer England. Launched on August 8, 1940, its first objective was to destroy Britain's air defenses.

Unbeknownst to the German commanders, Britain had developed a secret weapon called radar. Tracking stations near the English Channel allowed the British to follow incoming German planes, anticipating their targets. This meant that British planes were often waiting when the German attackers arrived. Still, British losses were heavy and by early September, they were running out of airplanes.

September 7, 1940 began as an unusually quiet day. By early



German bombers over London, Sept. 7, 1940. Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum.

afternoon, some radar operators concluded that the Germans were taking the day off. The first suggestion that was not the case came at 5:20 P.M., when black dots began filling the British radar screens.

Sweeping across the English Channel were more than a thousand German aircraft. Assuming their targets to be air bases, the defenders responded. Then, the incoming

armada changed direction. This time the target was London.

By 10:30 hrs., all twenty-one squadrons around London were in the air or taking off. The sight that they encountered east of Shpping astonished them: a formation one and a half miles high, covering 800 square miles of sky.

Len Deighton - Battle of Britain: p169. Jonathan Cape, 1980. Courtesy of the Battle of Britain Historical Society.

At 5:30, the first bombs fell. They fell throughout the night, and continued falling for eight months. This first day of bombing was most dreadful. Most of us thought, "my God, what on earth is happening, this is it, we are finished," but of course, this was really only the beginning.

George Turnbull - A Home Guard member on the bombing in Limehouse. Courtesy of the Battle of Britain Historical Society.

Known as the blitz, German bombers concentrated on London, but a dozen other cities also suffered its horrors. By the time it ended in May 1941, over 60,000 people were dead, most of them women and children. In London alone, over 15,000 people died, while more than 35,000 were seriously injured. The destruction also left 1.4 million Londoners homeless. To find out more about the blitz, take The Web Journey.

Remembering the Blitz

This online exhibition, mounted by the Museum of London, includes personal recollections of survivors, facts about the blitz, and numerous photographs of the destruction. It also offers images of contemporary newspapers, pamphlets, and artifacts. Web Address:

<http://www.museumlondon.org.uk/MOLsite/exhibits/blitz/index.html>

The History of London: 1939-1945

Using material furnished by the Imperial War Museum, information about the blitz, government efforts to evacuate London's children to rural areas, and other

elements of daily life are provided. Web Address:

<http://www.holnet.org.uk/learn/tea/index.htm>

The Belfast Blitz

Prepared by the BBC, this shows the suffering that occurred in cities other than London. Belfast experienced particularly large numbers of casualties as its being targeted was not anticipated. Web Address:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/belfastblitz/>

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send out invitations to bid on the annual bid materials.

• Voted to allow Tindell permission to purchase a brush trailer that mounts behind a tractor. He said this item was not in his budget, but there is money available to purchase it.

• Approved a motion from commissioner Doug Dalrymple to tie any voting houses not already on a water system into the county's water system.

• Stephens asked commissioners Westbrook and Jim Thompson to look at the possibility of taking bids on supplies and other items which all county employees use. This could include paper, towels, toilet paper and office supplies. He asked the commissioners to report back at the next working session for the commission.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



THE JOE TAYLOR YOUNG FAMILIES and their friends met at the Elba Masonic Lodge on July 19, 2003 at 10:00 AM for their family reunion. Approximately 60 members attended and enjoyed the excellent BBQ luncheon prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cowen. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Cook, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cook, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Christina Cook Anderson, Enterprise, Ala.; Mr. Jimbo Cook, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Carla Guthrie, Troy, Ala.; Mrs. Annie Jo Ingram, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ingram, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Young, McMinnville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gunter, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Rea P. Young, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Sue Boggan, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Dorette Boggan Stewart, Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Jan children, Morgan and Tye, Mrs. Abie Young Dempsey and daughter, Brooke, Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Jan Young Smith and daughter, Deann, and Allison, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, Elba, Ala.; Miss grandson, Mr. Hayden Talbot, Morgan Point Resort, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes, Elba, Ala.; Miss Allison Brunson, Elba, Ala.; Mr. Christopher Brunson, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Jake L. Morrow, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Peggy Devane, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Foley, Elba, Ala.; Dr. Linda Young and Mr. Jackie Young, Ozark, Ala.; Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, Florida, Fla.; Beth Powell, Florida, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Young, Albany, Ga.; Mrs. Florence Young, Albany, Georgia; Mrs. Nancy Bedake, Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Martha Hensley, Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Gaines, Opp, Ala.; Mr. Ronnie Young, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Baker, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Elba, Ala.; Mr. David Baker, Elba, Ala.; Mr. Jamison Baker, Elba, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Presley, Enterprise, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and grandchildren, Opp, Ala. The reunion organization committee was comprised of Mr. Harry Young, Mr. Jimmy Cook and Mrs. Mary P. Young. They hope to make it an annual affair.

Therapeutic foster parents needed in local area

The need for foster parents is a request made quite often, and although there is still a need for foster parents, one organization is focused on foster parenting of a special kind.

The United Methodist Children's Home seeks to recruit, train, nurture and support foster families, and therapeutic foster care is deeply needed to children who have

special needs that cannot be met through less restrictive foster care resources.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a therapeutic foster parent should

attend a therapeutic orientation on Monday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise.

Coffee County Schools Menu September 15-19, 2003

BREAKFAST

Monday - Sausage, w/

Gravy, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Buttered Toast, Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Bagel, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Fish Sandwich, Grits, Chicken

Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Whole Potatoes, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday - Meat Loaf, Buns, w/ Tomato

Sauce, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Ham and Cheese Hoagie, Steak Sandwich, Green Beans, Fried

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Thursday - Oven Baked Chicken, Nacho

& Cheese, Potato Salad, Turnips, Corn

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Friday - Pork Bar-B-Q, Sausage Dog,

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Scenes from Elba's Sesquicentennial Ball



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Residents encouraged to report suspicious activity as officials investigate fires

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For several weeks now, local law enforcement agencies and fire departments have been forced to look at suspicious incidents in the area, and residents are encouraged to help officials put a stop to these tragic events. The number of house fires has

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by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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Increases are projected in sales tax, police revenue, ad valorem tax, tobacco tax, SE Ala Gas, telephone, franchise and building permits.

Decreases are projected in sewer fees and recreation. Grimes told council members there is not enough anticipated income in the coming year to do several things council members have expressed interest in, including more paving than is planned and the need to replace a worn out trash truck.

Total insurance costs are up about \$49,000 for the year; total salaries for all departments are up \$41,000; also up is telephone service, retirements, garbage contract, interest expense, election expense, appropriations and police department operation expense.

drastically increased in the area as of late, and several have left officials looking in the direction of arson.

Elba Police Chief Ronnie Whitworth said his department has responded to a few suspicious fires within the past couple of weeks, but the county has really had an onslaught of house

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Increases are projected in sales tax, police revenue, ad valorem tax, tobacco tax, SE Ala Gas, telephone, franchise and building permits.

Decreases are projected in sewer fees and recreation. Grimes told council members there is not enough anticipated income in the coming year to do several things council members have expressed interest in, including more paving than is planned and the need to replace a worn out trash truck.

Total insurance costs are up about \$49,000 for the year; total salaries for all departments are up \$41,000; also up is telephone service, retirements, garbage contract, interest expense, election expense, appropriations and police department operation expense.

fires. "Arson is a difficult crime to solve," he said. "Those responsible are hard to catch unless someone in the area notices something suspicious and calls their local law enforcement agency."

Whitworth said it is important for local residents to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. He said noticing someone hanging around in the neighborhood who normally is not there or seeing an unusual vehicle drive up and down the road could be important tips for officials.

Upon noticing something suspicious, Whitworth said it is important to note identifying marks that might help investigators in the event of another fire.

More importantly, he said it is imperative that residents simply be aware of the surroundings to assure their own safety.

As for the already occurred incidents, the chief said the investigations are continuing through the Elba Police Department, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the State Fire Marshal's office.

Anyone with information regarding these fires or the prevention of future crimes is asked to call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535.

Grimes said the city clerk and police chief had received negative information from a state review of the license request.

NOTICE
 New Brockton will host its annual Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 18, at the New Brockton Memorial Park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Elba resident receives worker of the year award

Icylene Askew of Elba was named "2003 Alabama Worker of the Year" at Dickie Workwear Company's 12th annual Awards event.

One national and 50 state winners were selected, based on letters of appreciation sent in by thousands of people.

Icylene is a nurse's aide at Elba Nursing Home, where she has been employed for 34 years.

Marie Lepore, Director of Nurses, stated that Icylene "has been selected several times by both peers and supervisors to receive special recognition for contributions and work performances. She has a loving and caring relationship with the residents, and is never too busy to stop, smile and give a hug."

She added that "Alabama's Worker of the Year has exemplary work ethics . . . is a wonderful example to her younger colleagues."

Icylene is married to John Clark Askew and has three children: Barbara McKenzie of



Spending time with the residents of the Elba Nursing Home is more than a job to Icylene Askew (second from left). She considers it a gift to be able to care for and get to know the residents. Here she spends time with some of the residents by playing a game of dominoes. Those pictured include (from left): Jessie Young, Askew, Gertrude Mills, Jo Danford and Myrtle Crosby.

New Brockton, employed with Coffee County; Ricky Askew, with a firm in Huntsville; and Sonya Adams, who is associated with an area poultry plant.

Icylene has three grandsons and one granddaughter.

I'm really excited and looking forward to start teaching," Reynolds said.

Until then, he continues to perform his normal duties as a deputy sheriff and is already committed to several programs as the D.A.R.E. instructor.

Reynolds said he has been going to the schools and introducing himself to the students as the new D.A.R.E. officer, and he will be at Kinston Schools one day in October to help promote the Red Ribbon Week activities along with the county's K-9 officer Chris Grantham.

He also will be involved with a Farm Day program this Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Farm Center in New Brockton where he will present a program to youngsters from Coffee and Covington counties. Reynolds said this presentation will focus on the different types of drugs with an emphasis on inhalants.

As a parent himself, Reynolds said he finds this program to be very helpful to students as they are faced with choices everyday, and he hopes his class will help students be able to know more about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

When he enters the classroom in January, Reynolds said he will be teaching at Zion Chapel on Tuesdays, New Brockton on Wednesdays and Kinston on Thursdays.

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Also, he said the D.A.R.E. program is hoping to move into the high school level within the next year or two.



The Elba Fire Department responded Thursday, Sept. 11, to this house fire on Coffee County Road 404 shortly after 1 p.m. Upon arrival, the firefighters found the home to be fully engulfed in flames, and they worked quickly to get it under control. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire and was on the market for sale by its owner, Wanda Donaldson. The incident is being investigated by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the State Fire Marshal's office. According to reports, it has been determined the fire was set. Officials are now looking to locate the actual source of this fire, as well as, several others that have occurred in the area within the past couple of weeks. Also responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS.

Deputy ready to enter the classroom as D.A.R.E. instructor

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy Kent Reynolds recently began a new adventure in his law enforcement career as he accepted the responsibility to be the county's new D.A.R.E. officer.

With seven years of law enforcement experience already under his belt, this three year

old deputy is ready to enter the classroom as the new D.A.R.E. instructor.

"I like kids," Reynolds said. "And, if I can help one be aware of the dangers of drugs, I will feel good about this move."

Although he will not actually be in the classroom until around January, Reynolds said he is working hard to have everything ready.

Following along with past years, the program will offer 10 weeks of lessons for the elementary students, and there will be an addition to the program this year as Reynolds will also teach a curriculum to eighth grade students.

He said there is a lot of emphasis put on this new program as it will focus on helping students be able to deal with peer pressure.

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USE CAUTION AT INTERSECTIONS. Officers with the Elba Police Department responded to this two-vehicle accident early Friday morning, Sept. 12, at the intersection of Hwy. 189 North and the 203 Bypass. The call came around 7:45 a.m. and officers were quick to the scene to help traffic through the congested area. No injuries were reported from this accident, and the vehicles received moderate damage. In an effort to avoid incidents such as this, motorists are urged to obey traffic laws and watch for oncoming traffic at intersections.

Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 19, at the Elba Tigers play host to the Pike County Bulldogs; the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Houston Academy; the Kinston Bulldogs host Florida; the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Arion; and the Beasley Bulldogs travel to Houston County.

MARCHING BANDS FROM ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AND ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL will join forces with Troy State University's "Sound of the South" Marching Band and 30 other bands Saturday, Sept. 20, for the halftime performance at the TSU-Southeastern Louisiana University football game. The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in Troy.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., at the New Brockton Town Hall. The monthly working group will meet Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Elba Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.